

**Regional Interoperability Advisory Board**  
**Monday, June 12, 2006**  
**9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**  
**North Platte Airport Terminal**  
**North Platte, Nebraska**

Attendees: Major Rhonda Lahm, Mark Conrey, Bob Brower, Todd Beam, Timothy Loewenstein, Al Berndt, Mike Jeffres

Absent: Ted Blume

**State Projects Update**

- RFP released for tower assessment. To be awarded July 13, 2006.
  - Assessment is broken into four statements of work: tower plan, coverage plan, frequency plan and system plan.
  - Homeland Security funding and an appropriation from Legislature is funding assessment and system.
  - The level of interoperability the State will have with locals will be based on need and availability.
- Mutual Aid Plan
  - VHF/UHF coverage footprints throughout state.
  - 800 MHz in areas where band is currently in use. Will grow out of local need.
  - Plan should be completed in Fall, 2006.

**Regional Systems**

- Regional MOUs
  - NEMA considering having a grant application notice accompany the Homeland Security awards. Notices will encourage regions to formalize through agreements and may state that regions cannot utilize the funding until all counties coordinate with Division of Communications.
- Assessment tool
  - A communications assessment is one of the State's initiatives and a tool is needed to capture regional capabilities.
  - Assessment may be done by SEARCH and overseen by the Board. Still considering options.
- Regional Updates
  - Southeast area- east counties doing separate interoperable pieces than the west counties, however regional goal is to tie all together. Counties moving forward on purchases. Cass may be better aligned with Omaha/UASI region due to their law enforcement interactions.
  - Region 5/6- have operable and interoperable capabilities, but needs to develop plans and procedures on how to utilize.

- CNRI- system is up and working and recently used at local events. Training continues. May be a similar build out of system into Southwest Counties and Keith County.
- NeNIC- region is contracting with Geo-Comm for consulting work and intends to contract with Racom for a VHF system. Stanton is separate from this system, but will interoperate with region.
- ECCA- Platte County is working with Columbus PD. Planning new voted system for PD. Need to assess any remaining deficiencies with neighboring counties.
- Northeast- region is migrating out of low band. Enhancements in infrastructure and new consoles going in.
- Central Sandhills- region has several infrastructure challenges. May be opportunities to address needs for towers and connectivity with grants and state system initiative.
- UASI- working on coordination with surrounding regions and first responders from outlying areas.